

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2039

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FOR CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: JANUARY 5 WASHINGTON POST STORY: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

REF STATE 1709

1. AS OF THIS MOMMENT (5PM) I STILL HAVE NOT SEEN  
THE SUBJECT WASHINGTON POST STORY. I UNDERSTAND IT  
TO BE A RATHER SCURRILOUS ATTACK WITH NUMEROUS INNUENDOS  
AND A LOT OF UNTRUTHS WHICH I WILL HAVE TO ANSWER  
MORE THOROUGHLY WHEN I HAVE SEEN THE STORY.

2. AT NO TIME HAVE I STATED OR OTHERWISE SUGGESTED  
THAT I KNOW YOU PERSONALLY OR THAT I HAVE OR HAD ANY SUPPORT FROM  
YOU ON MY APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION OR ANY OTHER POSITION HELD  
BY ME. THE REPORTER, I WAS WARNED AT THE TIME, HAD  
COME HERE TO DO A HATCHET JOB ON ME AND I PRESUME HAD  
HIS STORY WRITTEN BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN BARBADOS. SOME  
OF THE ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO ME TODAY COULD ONLY  
HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO HIM BY ONE OR MORE FORMER  
ASSOCIATES WHO I BELIEVE ARE NOW BACK AT THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT AND WHOSE DEPARTURE THERE WAS HASTENED BY  
MY DISSATISFACTION WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE WORK  
AT EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN.

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3. IN DUE COURSE I EXPECT TO SET THE ENTIRE RECORD  
STRAIGHT AND TO INSIST OR DEMAND THAT THE WASHINGTON  
POST CORRECT THE UNTRUTHS OR ALLEGATIONS CARRIED IN THE  
STORY. IN THE MEANTIME I WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO THEM  
AND I WOULD CERTAINLY ASK YOU TO FEEL FREE TO RELAY  
THIS: " THAT AT NO TIME HAVE I SUGGESTED OR STATED TO ANYONE,

INCLUDING THE WASHINGTON POST THAT YOU,  
CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, WERE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED  
WITH OR SUPPORTED MY APPOINTMENT, OR MY SERVICE HERE IN THE  
CARIBBEAN."

FOR THE DEPARTMENT: I HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES  
REGARDING STORY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING COPY  
TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
BRITTON

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